

The 43rd District Court – Ferndale Division, in response to Governor Whitmer’s State of Emergency and in an effort to better serve our community, is implementing the following policy:

- Anyone who has a case scheduled at the 43rd District Court can contact the court and request a 30-day adjournment. The only exceptions to this liberal granting of adjournments will be in the cases where a person is in custody or cases such as a probation violation/bond violation (any adjournment requests on these matters will be handled on a case by case basis).
- We are adjourning all civil and criminal jury trials (unless the defendant is in custody). No jurors will be required to appear for jury service.
- All individuals currently on reporting probation can contact their probation officer to arrange for alternate reporting requirements. We will allow phone in and mail in reporting for the next 30 days. Presentence investigations will be conducted by phone.
- Preliminary breath tests at the Police Department and the Courthouse will be temporarily suspended. At this time, all other substance abuse testing is still required.
- Sobriety Court sessions will be canceled for the next 30 days. Probation Officers will work with participants for other reporting options. However, some participants may still be required to report to the court for an individual Sobriety Court Review session.
- Traffic ticket payments will not be affected. All individuals will be advised to pay online at www.ferndalecourt.com, mail in their payment or drop the payment in the drop box at the Police Department entrance. Extensions will be given to all individuals, but they must contact the court for an extension.
- All Community Service work will be suspended.

Currently, there are no plans to close the courthouse, however, we are actively monitoring this situation. We will continue to work with the Michigan Supreme Court and the State Court Administrator’s office to ensure that we are doing all the we can to keep everyone involved safe.